

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)

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4. (cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The trimmer head according to Claim 17 wherein the at least one trimmer line exit opening includes spaced exit openings located on the circular flange, and the sets of line termination apertures include at least two line termination apertures of different sizes associated with each of the line exit openings.

6. (previously presented) The trimmer head according to Claim 5 wherein two diametrically opposed longitudinal flanges on the central hub extending generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the central hub and wherein the line termination apertures are located in the longitudinal flanges.

7. (original) The trimmer head according to Claim 6 wherein the line termination apertures extend through the longitudinal flanges.

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11 17. (previously presented) A top loading fixed length line
12 trimmer head for string trimmer machines using line segments of
13 predetermined length including in combination:
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15 a central cylindrical hub having an upper end and a lower
16 end and configured for attachment to a drive shaft of a string
17 trimmer machine, the central hub further having a longitudinal axis
18 and an offset shoulder thereon;

19 a circular flange attached to and extending outwardly
20 from the lower end of the central hub, the flange having at least
21 one trimmer line exit opening on the circumference thereof;

22 sets of line termination apertures of different sizes on
23 the shoulder of the hub extending generally parallel to the
24 longitudinal axis of the hub and axially offset from the trimmer
25 line exit openings for insertion and termination of an end of a
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1 length of trimmer line therein; and
2 a line guide means on the flange located between the at
3 least one line exit opening and the line termination apertures to
4 direct lengths of trimmer line from the line termination apertures
5 to the at least one line exit opening.
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